

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

A complete list of all the presently pending claims in the application is provided below, with suitable headings to show the status of each claim.

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1. (currently amended) A separating device for separating edge portions from a glass panel, said glass panel having a width and thickness, said device comprising a handle, a force gauge attached to said handle for measuring the force applied to said handle, and a slotted plate connected to said handle, said slotted plate having upper and lower panel engaging surfaces defining a recess of approximately the same width and thickness as said glass panel to be separated, ~~said separating device applying a controlled force along one of said edge portions of said glass panel such that a minimal amount of force is used to separate said edge portion from said glass panel.~~

2. (canceled)

3. (original) The separating device of claim 1 wherein said slotted plate is comprised of an electrostatic dissipative material disposed to contact said glass panel.

4. (original) The separating device of claim 3 wherein said electrostatic dissipative material is a polyacetal plastic alloy.

5. (currently amended) A separation apparatus for separating a glass panel etched with semiconductor circuitry, said separation apparatus comprising a stage having channels that allow air to pass therethrough and create a vacuum for holding said glass panel against said stage and a layer of electrostatic dissipative material disposed to contact said glass panel; said glass panel being scored to define an inner working area and outer edge portions to be removed, at

least one of said edge portions being located outside the periphery of said stage when said glass panel is in contact with said separation apparatus.

6. (original) The separation apparatus of claim 5 further comprising locating pins to precisely locate said glass panel on said separation apparatus.

C 7. (original) The separation apparatus of claim 5 wherein said separation apparatus can rotate so that a second edge portion may be removed without relocating said glass panel with respect to said separation apparatus.

8. (withdrawn)

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11. (withdrawn)

12. (withdrawn)

13. (withdrawn)

14. (withdrawn)

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